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VARIA ARTIFICIA IN SERIERVM INDOLEM INQVIRENDI.

Eiusmodi saepe occurrunt series, quarum origo est satis est perspicua, earum tamen lex progressionis et natura maxime est abscondita, et nonnulli insignibus adhibitis artificijs analyticis investigari poterit. In genere quidem huiusmodi artificia vix ita proponere licet, ut eorum vias luculenter perspiciantur; sed potius eorum vis in exemplis commodissime ostenditur, unde simul ratio ac necessitas ea excogitandi multo clarius intelligitur. Seriem igitur sex numerorum progressionem omnino singularem hic contemplabor, quas oritur, si potestates trinomiali $1 + x + x^2$ enotuantur, atque ex singulis terminis tantum medi, qui maximis numeris afficiuntur, in ordinem disponantur: Ita enim enascitur numerorum series eo magis notata digna, quo minus lex progressionis perspicitur. Ea autem explorata pulcherrimae affectiones agnoscuntur, in quo negotio maxima vis artificiorum analyticorum potissimum cernitur. Imprimis autem haec series memorabile documentum exhibet, quanta circumspeditione in inductione, cui plerumque in huiusmodi investigationibus non parum tribui solet, versari debeamus, cum hic eiusmodi inductio occurrat, quae etiam si maxime confirmata videatur, tamen in errorem inducat.

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Evolutio potestatum trinomiali.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &1 + x + x^2 \\
 &1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 2x^3 + x^4 \\
 &1 + 3x + 6x^2 + 7x^3 + 6x^4 + 3x^5 + x^6 \\
 &1 + 4x + 10x^2 + 16x^3 + 19x^4 + 16x^5 + 10x^6 + 4x^7 + x^8 \\
 &1 + 5x + 15x^2 + 30x^3 + 45x^4 + 51x^5 + 45x^6 + 30x^7 + 15x^8 + 5x^9 + x^{10} \\
 &1 + 6x + 21x^2 + 35x^3 + 56x^4 + 71x^5 + 71x^6 + 56x^7 + 35x^8 + 21x^9 + 6x^{10} + x^{11} \\
 &\text{etc.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex singulis his formis terminos tantum medios excerpto, qui hanc suppediant progressionem:

$$x + 3x^2 + 7x^3 + 19x^4 + 51x^5 + 141x^6 + \text{etc.}$$

cuius naturam hic investigare constitui, ubi quidem, ommissis potestatis ipsius x , totum negotium ad hanc progressionem numericam reduciuntur:

$$1, 3, 7, 19, 51, 141, 393, \text{etc.}$$

Consideratio I.

Seriem hanc perpendenti mox in mentem venit, quoniamlibet terminum cum triplo praecedentis haud incongrue comparari posse, quia hanc seriem in infinitum continuatam cum progressionem geometrica tripla confundi debere ex eius origine est manifestum. Illi ergo, ad duos terminos ultra continuare, terminos praecedentes triplicatos subscipito, indices vero superius noto, hoc modo:

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quod mihi quidem eiusmodi casus nondum obtingerit, in quo tam speciosa inductio fecerit.

Consideratio II.

§. 5. Repudiata ergo omni inductione progressivis nostrae indolem ex ipsa eius natura scrutari aggredior. Ac primo quidem evidens est, si in hac serie:

$x, 3x^2, 7x^3, 19x^4, 51x^5, 141x^6, 393x^7$, etc.

terminus indicis n conveniens ponatur $= Nx^k$, fore Nx^k ipsum terminum huius potestatis ipsius x , qui ex evolutione formulae $(1+x+x^2)^n$ nascitur. Trinomium igitur $1+x+x^2$, binis prioribus paribus iunctis, tanquam binomium tracto, eritque:

$$(1+x+x^2)^n = (1+x)^n + \frac{n}{1}x(1+x)^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2(1+x)^{n-2} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}x^3(1+x)^{n-3} + \text{etc.}$$

ex cuius singulis membris potestatem x^k elici oportet, indeque summa omnium collecta dabit nostrum terminum quaesitum Nx^k .

§. 6. Ex primo autem membro $(1+x)^n$, seu $(x+1)^n$, oritur facta evolutione, x^k ; pro secundo autem membro, ex evolutione formulae $(x+1)^{n-1}$, terminus secundus $\frac{n-1}{1}x^{k-1}$ capi debet, qui in $\frac{n}{1}x^k$ ductus, dat $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^k$. Pro tertio porro membro, ex formula $(x+1)^{n-2}$, tertius terminus $\frac{(n-2)(n-3)}{2}x^{k-2}$, in factorem $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^k$ ductus praebet $\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{6}x^k$, sicque de ceteris membris; unde nascimur

$$Nx^k = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{6}x^k + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{2}x^k + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^k + \frac{n}{1}x^k + \text{etc.}$$

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ro integro n sit finitus; sicque valor termini N facile assignari poterit. Facilius eadem expressio repetitur, si potestas trinomi ita evolvatur:

$$(x(1+x)+1)^n = x^n(1+x)^n + \frac{n}{1}x^{n-1}(1+x)^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^{n-2}(1+x)^{n-2} + \text{etc.}$$

vbi potestatis x^n coefficientiens ex primo membro sit 1. ex secundo $\frac{n}{1}x^{n-1}$, ex tertio $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^{n-2}$, etc. ut supra.

Consideratio III.

§. 7. Inventa expressione, qua in genere coefficientiens potestatis x^k in nostra progressionem definitur, primum obfero, eam nullo modo ita simpliciore reddi posse, ut ad formulam suam reducat. Est enim invento numeri N ad aequationem differentio-differentialem reuocari possit, ea tamen ita est comparata, ut nullo modo resolutionem admittat. Cum igitur omnis labor, in expressione pro N inventa commodius exhibenda, inutiliter consumatur, in id hic incumbam, ut legem eruan, qua in nostra progressionem terminus quilibet ex aliquot praecedentibus definitur possit.

§. 8. Hunc in finem progressionem nostram ita represento: $x, 3x^2, 7x^3, 19x^4, 51x^5, \dots, p, x^{n-1}, q, x^n, r, x^{n+1}$, inueffigaturus, quomodo numerus r per praecedentes q et p determinari possit. Valores autem p, q, r ex superiori serie pro N inventa habebuntur, quos quo analyticas operationes recipiant ita exprimo:

$$p = 1 + \frac{(n-2)(n-3)}{2}x^2 + \frac{(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)}{6}x^3 + \text{etc.}$$

$$q = 1 + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}x^2 + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{6}x^3 + \text{etc.}$$

$$r = 1 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}x^3 + \text{etc.}$$

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unde

vnde, quolibet a sequente subtrahendo, primo colligimus:

$$\frac{1-p}{2} z^2 + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} z^3 + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{6} z^4 + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)}{24} z^5 + \dots$$

5. 9. Valoribus autem q et r differentiatis nascimur:

$$\frac{dq}{dz} = \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} z + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{6} z^2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{dr}{dz} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} z + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{24} z^3 + \dots$$

quae series cum precedentibus facile comparantur, cum manifestum sit:

$$\frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} z + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} z = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} z$$

vnde concludimus fore

$$dq = (n-1)(q-p), \frac{dq}{dz} \text{ et } dr = n(r-q), \frac{dr}{dz}$$

6. 10. Delinde vero formae posteriores §. praecedentiae praebent:

$$\frac{dq}{dz} = n-2 + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} z + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{6} z^2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{dr}{dz} = (n-1)z + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{6} z^3 + \dots$$

quae a primis hoc tantum differunt, quod hic coefficientes vno factore abundant; ibi autem per differentiationem iidem factores facile addici possunt, hoc modo:

$$\frac{dq}{dz} z^{n-1} = -\frac{(n-2)(n-3)}{2} z^{n-2} - \frac{(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)}{6} z^{n-3} - \dots$$

$$\frac{dr}{dz} z^{n-1} = -\frac{(n-3)(n-4)(n-5)}{6} z^{n-4} - \dots$$

$d.p =$

Illigimus:

$$\frac{dq}{dz} z^{n-1} = -\frac{(n-2)(n-3)}{2} z^{n-2} - \dots$$

is nam-

etc.

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$\frac{dq}{dz}$ etc.

$\frac{dr}{dz}$ etc.

efficientionem

$$\frac{dq}{dz} z^{n-1}$$

etc.

$d.p =$

$$\frac{dq}{dz} z^{n-1} = -\frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{6} z^{n-4} - \dots$$

$$-\frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)(n-5)}{120} z^{n-5} - \dots$$

vnde manifestum est fieri

$$\frac{dq-dp}{dz} + \frac{n^2 d.p z^{n-1}}{dz} = 0 \text{ et } \frac{dr-dq}{dz} + \frac{n^2 d.q z^{n-1}}{dz} = 0,$$

et facta evolutione:

$$dq-dp + 4nzdzp - 4(n-2)pzdz = 0$$

$$dr-dq + 4nzdzq - 4(n-1)qzdz = 0,$$

6. 11. Cum igitur supra invenimus differentia-
lia dq et dr per dz expressa, si hos valores in postre-
ma aequatione substituiamus, impetrabimus:

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} z + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} z + 4(n-1)z - 4(n-1)qz = 0,$$

ita ut differentialis sublevis hic relatio finita inter p , q
et r sit erua, quae ita se habet:

$$n(r-q) = (n-1)(q-p)(1-4nz) + 4(n-1)qz$$

seu

$$n(r-q) = (n-1)(q-p)(4nz-1).$$

6. 12. Invenimus ergo inter ternos valores con-
tinuos p , q , r , eiusmodi relationem, cuius ope ex binis
datis tertius facile definitur, hocque multo generalius,
quam pro nostro casu opus est, cum ista relatio pro quo-
cunque numero n valeat. Quoniam igitur nostro casu
est $n = 1$, erit

$$n(r-q) = (n-1)(q+3p), \text{ seu } r = q + \frac{n-1}{n}(q+3p),$$

cuius

cuius formulae beneficio postea progressu facile quousque liberari continuari potest, in hunc modum:

A.	1,	3,	7,	19,	51,	141,	393,	1107,	3139
B.	3,	9,	21,	57,	153,	423,	1179		
C.	6,	16,	40,	108,	294,	816,	2286,		
D.	3,	4,	5,	6,	7,	8,	9,		
E.	2,	4,	8,	18,	42,	102,	254		
F.	4,	12,	32,	90,	252,	714,	2032		

Series scilicet A, quousque iam fuerit continuata, subscriptabantur iidem termini triplicati, eos uno loco promouendo, quae est series B; tum summa A + B dabit seriem C, cui subscripta progressionem arithmetica D, dimisso C : D, praebet seriem E, unde C - E suppediat seriem F, cuius quibus terminus, ad terminum supernum seriei A additus, eius sequentem suggerit.

§. 23. Hoc ergo modo nostram progressionem
viterius continemus;

A.	1107	3139	8953	25053	73789	212941	616227
B.	1179	3321	9417	26859	76959	221867	
C.	2286	6460	18370	52512	150748	434308	
D.	9	10	11	12	13	14	
E.	254	646	1670	4376	11596	31022	
F.	2032	5814	16700	48136	139152	403286	

vnde adinfectis potentibus ipsius x , cum terminus ipsius x^r conueniens certo sit x , vi etiam ex lege progressio-
nis inuenta liquet, nostra progressio ita se habebit:

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feriem F, cu-
m feriei A ad-

progreſſionem

12941	616227
11367	
14308	
14	
31022	
33286	

terminus ipsi-
ege progressio-
habebit;

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1, 1st, 5th, 7th, 13th, 51st, 144th, 225th,
1107th, 3139th, 8953th, 23658th, 73789th,
212941th, 616327th, etc.

et lex progressionis ita est comparata, ut sita

$$\frac{1}{(q+g)} = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{g}$$

§. 14. Imprimis autem hic notetur artificium, quo per differentialem ad ipsam relationem inter terminos sequentes pertingimus, cum circa hic nullius variabilitatis ratio habebatur. Iam quidem haud difficultior animaduertimus, eandem relationem sine differentiatione cruiam posse, si in terminis feriebatur §. 8. haec multiplicatio adhibetur, ut fiat $(A + a + \infty) B + B + C = 0$. Facile enim patet, litteris A, a, B et C, cuiusmodi valores tribui posse, ut omnes ipsius ∞ potestates in nihilum abeant, quod efficiendo ipsa superior relatio obtinetur. Verum in his rebus consideranti hoc certe minus obuium videbatur.

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§. 15. Invenita hac progressionis lege questio non minus curiosa occurrit, qua eisdem progressionis in infinitum continuatae summas inveniamus. Ponamus ergo

$$s = x + x + 3x^2 + 7x^3 + \dots + q x^{n-1} + r x^n + \text{etc.}$$

et cum invenierimus $n(r - 3q - 3p) + q + 3p = 0$ hanc aequalitatem differentiendo introducentes sequentem modo:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} &= 1 + 6x + 21x^2 + \dots + (n-2)p x^{n-2} + (n-1)q x^{n-1} + n r x^{n-2} \\ &= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} = -2 - 4x - 18x^2 \quad -2(n-1)p x^{n-1} - 2nq x^{n-1} \\ &= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} = -6x - 9x^2 \quad -3np x^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s &= 1 + x + 3x^2 \quad + q x^{n-1} \\ 3xs &= 3x + 3x^2 \quad + 3p x^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} = -2 - 4x - 18x^2 + s + 3xs = 0;$$

scilicet

$$(1 - 2x - 3x^2) ds - s dx - 3xs dx = 0.$$

Ex hac aequatione colligitur

$$\frac{ds}{s} = \frac{dx + 12x^2 dx}{1 - 2x - 3x^2}, \text{ hincque integrando}$$

$$s = \sqrt{(1 - 2x - 3x^2)} = \sqrt{(1-x)(1-3x)}$$

§. 16. Ea ergo novam originem nostrae seriei, quippe quae oritur ex evolutione huius formae;

$(1 - 2x - 3x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, unde calculo instructo haec ipsa series resultareprehenditur:

$$1 + x + 3x^2 + 7x^3 + 19x^4 + 51x^5 + 141x^6 + \text{etc.}$$

Simul vero hinc apparet, quanta futura sit summa huius seriei in infinitum continuasse pro quouis valore ipsius x ; ubi quidem notandum est, si sit vel $x = -1$, vel $x = \frac{1}{3}$, summam fore infinitam; ac si $x > \frac{1}{3}$, summa est imaginaria. Finita autem erit summa, si x contineatur intra limites $\frac{1}{3}$ et -1 ; et extra hos limites prodit semper summa imaginaria. Ita summo $x = \frac{1}{3}$ erit

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{81} + \frac{1}{243} = \frac{3}{2}$$

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Consideratio V.

§. 17. Haec investigatio ad seriem terminorum mediorum, ex evolutione potestatum triaonit latus accipi: $a + bx + cx^2$, extendi potest. Posito enim in genere Nx^2 pro termino medio potestatis $(a + bx + cx^2)^n$, valor coefficientis N ita determinari poterit: Cum sit

$$(x(b+cx) + a)^n = x^n (b+cx)^n + \frac{n}{1} a x^{n-1} (b+cx)^{n-1} + \dots$$

ex singulis membris colligantur termini potestate x^n affecti, ac reperietur:

$$N = b^n + \frac{n(n-1)}{1 \cdot 2} a b^{n-2} c + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} a^2 b^{n-3} c^2 + \text{etc.}$$

scilicet, posito brevitate gratia $\frac{n!}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots n} = G$, erit

$$N = b^n (1 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \frac{a}{b} c + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6} \frac{a^2}{b^2} c^2 + \text{etc.})$$

Vnde cum summo $n = 0$ fiat $N = 1$, si hanc progressionem ita repraesentemus:

$$1 + Ax + Bx^2 + Cx^3 + Dx^4 + \dots + Nx^n + \text{etc.}$$

hi coefficientes ita se habebunt:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= b; & D &= b(1 + 12G + 6G^2) \\ B &= b^2(1 + 2G); & E &= b^2(1 + 20G + 30G^2) \\ C &= b^3(1 + 6G); & F &= b^3(1 + 30G + 90G^2 + 20G^3) \end{aligned}$$

§. 18. Ut inuestigemus quemodo quisque terminus per binos praecedentes determinetur, scilicet ita exponamus:

$$1, bx, (1+2G)b^2x^2, (1+6G)b^3x^3, \dots, q b^{n-1} x^{n-1}, r b^n x^n$$

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et pro s scribendo, q z habet inas:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)(b-a)}{b-a} x^2 + \frac{(b-a)(b-a)(b-a)}{2(b-a)} x^2 + \text{etc.} \\ & \frac{1}{6} \frac{(b-a)(b-a)}{b-a} x^3 + \frac{(b-a)(b-a)(b-a)}{6(b-a)} x^3 + \text{etc.} \\ & \frac{1}{24} \frac{(b-a)(b-a)}{b-a} x^4 + \frac{(b-a)(b-a)(b-a)}{24(b-a)} x^4 + \text{etc.} \end{aligned}$$

quae ferè sunt eadem, quas supra iam tractavi; eriguntur
ergo

$$n(r+q) = (n-1)(q+p(4n-1))$$

1000 et erga refluendo 4, in serie nostra terminus et
ita per ambos praecedentes determinatur, ut sit

$$r = 2q + (4g - x)p - \frac{1}{2}(q + (4g - x)p).$$

§. 19. Ponamus $4g - 1 = b$, ut $4g$ $b = \frac{4g-1}{4}$, et

$$r = aq + b, p = \frac{1}{2}(q + bp).$$

et omnis possessio d. x. bini termini initiales sunt x
et x, progressio nostra erit:

$$\frac{Q}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{a+b}{a}, \quad \frac{4}{2} \frac{a+b+c+d}{a}, \quad \frac{5}{2} \frac{a+b+c+d+e}{a},$$

Vnde summo $b = 3$ series ante tractata refollet. Sive autem capiamus $b = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100$, ita quod ex relatione $a(r-s) = (a-s)(s-p)$ habet, factum enim ac duo termini contigui p et q sunt sequentes, omnes illorum sequentes sunt, necesse est.

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§. 20. Investigationem summam huius progressus
vis multo generatius influamus, siquē

$s = A + Bx + Cx^2 + \dots + px^{s-1} + qx^{s-1} + rx^s + \dots$
cuius seriei lex progressionis, ita comparata concipiantur, ut sit:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2A \cdot 2B \cdot 2C}{2A \cdot 2B} &= aAx + 3aBx + \dots + 4abx^3 \\ \frac{2A \cdot 2B}{2A} &= bA + 2bB + 3bCx + \dots + nbq^{n-1}x \\ \frac{2A}{2A} &= b + 2cCx + 3cDx + \dots + n\delta x^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^k} \left(\frac{1}{x^k} + \frac{1}{x^{k+1}} + \frac{1}{x^{k+2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{x^{k+n}} \right) = \frac{1}{x^k} \left(\frac{1}{x^k} + \frac{1}{x^{k+1}} + \frac{1}{x^{k+2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{x^{k+n}} \right) = \frac{1}{x^k} \left(\frac{1}{x^k} + \frac{1}{x^{k+1}} + \frac{1}{x^{k+2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{x^{k+n}} \right)$$

$$\frac{3(a^2x+bx+b)}{d^2} + s((2a-f)x+(b-g))_{n=1}^{\infty} (b-g)A + cB.$$

§. 21. Cum igitur habeamus:

$$d_2 + \frac{10a(10a - b - c)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} = \frac{10a^2(10a + c)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

aequationis huius integratio ita institui debet, ut possit $x = 0$ fieri $s = A$, ex quo haec summativa tellam habet diffinitivam. Accommodamus ergo haec ad formam ante inuestigatam, quae erit

pro qua est:

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